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SUBJECT: UNESCO AND SERVICES OF ALLEN IN

- LESOTHO

1. UNESCO'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION
LEO FERNIG WILL VISIT LESOTHO BETWEEN AUGUST 10 AND 13.
HE WILL PARTICIPATE IN TRIPARTITE GOL-UNDP-UNESCO
REVIEW OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE PROJECT AND
WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION REGARDING FUTURE OF DWIGHT
ALLEN CONTRACT AS PROJECT CHIEF.

2. IN PERMDEL'S OPINION FERNIG IS PRACTICAL, FAIR AND
AN EXPERIENCED SENIOR UNESCO EXECUTIVE. UNESCO HEAD-
QUARTER'S STAFF HAVE BRIEFED HIM AND RECOMMENDED NOT
REPEAT NOT TO EXTEND ALLEN'S SERVICES. FERNIG WILL
LIKELY LISTEN WELL TO COUNTRY'S VIEWS AND WILL EXAMINE
PROJECT PROGRESS ON LOCAL SCENE BEFORE MAKING FINAL
DECISION. FERNIG IS LEAVING EUROPE DIRECTLY FROM
VACATION SO PERMDEL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM
DIRECTLY ABOUT LESOTHO PROJECT. HOWEVER, PERMDEL HAS
LET HEADQUARTERS STAFF KNOW THAT ALLEN WAS U.S. CANDIDA-
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TE FOR LESOTHO POST A YEAR AGO AND NO CHANGE HAS OC-

CURRED FROM ORIGINAL U.S. SUPPORT. PERMDEL HAS ALSO PASSED ON INFORMATION THAT GOL AND UNDP FAVOR EXTENSION OF ALLEN'S CONTRACT AND THAT U.S. OBSERVERS ON THE SCENE HAVE NOTED THAT PROJECT UNDER ALLEN'S LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO BE GOING WELL AFTER LENGTHY PERIOD OF NON-ACTION BY UNESCO. PERMDEL ALSO DISABUSED HEADQUARTERS OF FEELING THEY MAY HAVE HAD THAT PERMDEL CONCURRED IN NON-RENEWAL OF ALLEN'S ONE YEAR CONTRACT. IF GOL FEELS STRONGLY EITHER WAY ABOUT CONTINUATION OF ALLEN'S SERVICES, WE BELIEVE NOW IS TIME AND FERNIG IS MAN FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN DIRECTLY TO HIM.

3. COMMENTS FYI.

A. SOUNDINGS TAKEN BY PERMDEL INDICATE SEVERAL HEAD-QUARTERS UNITS DOWN ON ALLEN. IT DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT SPECIFIC EVENTS WHICH MAY HAVE LED TO HEADQUARTER'S VIEWS SUCH AS UNIVERSITY MASSACHUSETTS DIFFICULTIES OR MAJOR SINS OF COMMISSION OR OMISSION BY ALLEN. POINTS IN PARIS 15821 INDICATIVE OF SERIES OF BUREAU-CRATIC CONCERNS BY HEADQUARTERS.

B. THERE APPEARS TO BE RATHER PERVASIVE DISCOMFORT ON PART OF SECRETARIAT THAT ALLEN DOES NOT FOLLOW IN-STRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM HEADQUARTERS, DOES NOT CONFORM FULLY WITH BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES, IS TOO MUCH OF NON-TRADITIONALIST IN HIS APPROACH TO EDUCATION, AND TO ADMINISTRATION AND IS LIKELY TO DO SOMETHING IN LESOTHO THAT WILL CAUSE UNESCO PROBLEMS.

C. THIS DISCOMFORT OF SECRETARIAT WITH ALLEN MUST BE

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SEEN IN CONTEXT OF UNESCO PERHAPS BEING ONE OF MORE
CENTRALIZED BUREAUCRATIC AND TRADITIONAL OF UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AT LEAST UNTIL NOW. BASED ON
SERIES OF VISITS TO UNESCO FIELD PROJECTS, PERMDEL
COMING TO OPINION THAT MANY STAFF MEMBERS OF UNESCO
IN PAST MAY HAVE BEEN : (1) MORE CONCERNED WITH PRO-
CEDURAL NICETIES THAN WITH SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS;
(2) NERVOUS ABOUT DEPARTURES FROM TRADITION; (3) HIGHLY
PROTECTIVE OF WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE
UNESCO'S INTERESTS, AND (4) FEELING THAT HEADQUARTERS
KNOWS BEST ON COUNTRY CONDITIONS AND NEEDS VIS-A-VIS
THEIR FIELD EXPERTS AND EVEN VIS-A-VIS SOME COUNTRIES.

D. THIS SITUATION MAY BE IMPROVING UNDER MORE OPERATIO-
NALLY ORIENTED NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL BUT CHANGES IN
STAFF AND THEIR ATTITUDES AND PROCEDURES MAY BE SLOW
IN COMING. IN LESOTHO CASE, SOME HEADQUARTERS STAFF
SEEM TO FEEL THAT WHAT ALLEN IS DOING IN LESOTHO IS NOT
REPEAT NOT WHAT LESOTHO NEEDS, THAT ALLEN IS GOING TO
GET UNESCO INTO TROUBLY EDUCATIONALLY , ADMINISTRATIVELY
AND/OR POLITICALLY, AND THAT ALLEN IS UNDULY IMPOSING
HIS WILL ON GOL AND ON LOCAL UNDP.
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E. IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION
THAT ALTHOUGH COUNTRIES LIKE INDONESIA AND BRAZIL
SUCCESSFULLY STAND UP TO UNESCO HEADQUARTERS ON EXPERTS
AND PROJECTS, SOME OF SMALLER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN LESS
SUCCESSFUL. MALAWI, FOR EXAMPLE, WENT WITHOUT A PROJECT
CHIEF FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS FOR AN EDUCATION PLANNING
PROJECT AFTER UNESCO'S REJECTION OF MALAWI'S CHOICE OF
EXPERT AND MALAWI'S REJECTION OF UNESCO'S CHOICE OF
EXPERT. END OF COMMENTS FYI.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

PERMDEL AGREES WITH PARA 7 OF MASERU 604 AND FEELS THAT
IT WOULD NOT SERVE US INTERESTS EITHER IN LESOTHO
OR UNESCO TO GET DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CONTRETEMPS OVER
ALLEN. HOWEVER WE HAVE NOTED TO SECRETARIAT THAT
THEIR DECISION EITHER WAY REGARDING RENEWAL OF ALLEN
CONTRACT SHOULD BE BASED ON SOLID SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS.

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